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Cholera.

BRITISH EAST INDIES—*Calcutta*.—During the week ended January 6 there were 15 cholera deaths.

ARABIA.

Plague in Aden.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor, by direction of the Secretary of State, to inform you that a telegram of the 24th instant has been received from the consul at Aden, which reads as follows, viz, "Plague isolated."

Respectfully,

THOS. W. CRIDLER,
Third Assistant Secretary.

HON. SECRETARY OF TREASURY.

BELGIUM.

Report from Antwerp.

ANTWERP, BELGIUM, *February 13, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the data regularly transmitted in the abstract of bills of health issued weekly and in the consular sanitary report represent in brief the sanitary conditions at this port. The death rate is about 100 per week among a population of 287,000, and about 30 per cent of these deaths are due to diseases of the respiratory tract. Smallpox and typhoid fever are constantly present, but the cases are so few that it can not be said that an epidemic of either disease at present exists. What has been said of these two diseases is also true of influenza.

Respectfully,

E. K. SPRAGUE,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BRAZIL.

Report from Santos—Plague and yellow fever.

SANTOS, BRAZIL, *January 24, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that in compliance with telegraphic orders, dated Washington, December 18, 1899, I left New Orleans on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad the evening of the same day, arriving at Jersey City on the 20th ultimo, where I was transferred by Surgeon Williams to the steamship *Wordsworth*, which cleared for Rio de Janeiro soon afterwards.

I arrived at Rio de Janeiro in the morning of January 11, 1900, and there, in conformity with your cablegram, was inoculated the same day with the Haffkine antitoxin serum by Dr. Cerni, bacteriologist of the University of Messina, Italy.

Its action was vigorously manifested in the course of a few hours as evidenced by rise of temperature and general malaise, which persisted for about twenty-four hours.

On invitation of Consul-General Seeger I passed a few days at the United States legation at Petropolis, where I was most hospitably entertained by Mr. Thomas C. Dawson, chargé d'affaires.

Returning to Rio de Janeiro on the 17th instant, I took passage on the German steamship *Itaparica*, which left on the same day direct for